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# THE OCTOFOIL

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## METROPOLITAN PHILADELPHIA CLINGS TO MANY OF ITS OLD TRADITIONS



The City of Brotherly Love is a large metropolitan city but there's still open areas left where a fellow can relax and take a deep breath of free air at times. The above picture shows the skyline of Central Philadelphia, as viewed from the terrace of the Museum of Art, looking down the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

## BOARD WILL MEET ON APRIL 4TH IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

Notices will be sent out shortly advising members of the Board of Governors of the National Association that a meeting will be held at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 4th, late in the afternoon. Time to be decided later before the notices are mailed.

Secretary Quinn and former New York Chapter President Walter O'Keefe plan going into the "Smoky City" a day early and see if some of those former Ninth men living in that area who used to be so active but who have fallen by the wayside in recent years, can't be brought back into the fold. It is quite possible that President John Clouser will join them in Pittsburgh a day early.

By holding the meeting in Pittsburgh it is set up so as to necessitate about equal traveling time for Board members from the East and the West.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## FORMER NINTH MEN ON COMMISSION

The Ninth Infantry Division is well represented on the Civil Service Commission in New York City. The former 9th men are:

Paul Quaranta, 60th Inf.  
Dominick Miele, 47th Inf.  
Irving Feinberg, 47th Inf.

They act as Civil Service examiners, giving examinations of various types, in the News Bldg. They very frequently meet up with candidates taking tests who were formerly 9th Division men. Of course the examiners cannot talk with the candidates while tests are being taken. But the acquaintanceships made are remembered until a later date if the candidate happens to be a former 9th Division man.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## DEW AND DON'T

He: Your eyes are beautiful. I see dew in them.

She: Take it easy. That ain't dew. That's don't.

## THERESA CUPRYS HAS SOME PLANS FOR THE MEMBERS' WIVES

Mrs. Theresa Cuprys, President of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary, whose home address is 1124 W. Kings Highway, Mt. Ephraim, N. J., writes as follows:

This brief note is written as a means of letting the wives of Ninth Infantry Division Association members know what the Ladies' Auxiliary is working toward making a success of the 1964 Reunion.

We are now actively working on arrangements for the activities for the wives and children during the Philadelphia Reunion. In the next issue of The Octofoil we will have these plans sufficiently well developed so as to be able to print in detail most, if not all the plans being made to entertain the visiting wives and children.

It is called to the attention of everyone that the name of the boulevard on which the Sheraton Hotel is located has been changed from the Pennsylvania Boulevard to J. F. Kennedy Boulevard.

More detailed information in the next issue.—Theresa Cuprys.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## NEXT DEADLINE APRIL 10

This issue of The Octofoil is going to press a few days later than originally planned because of the editor having been hospitalized during the past month. Deadline for copy and photos to be used in the March-April issue will be not later than April 10, 1964.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## HOT STORY

During a severe electrical storm, a high wire fell across Main Street. People feared to touch it. An enterprising city editor of the local paper assigned two reporters to cover the story.

"One to touch the wire," he directed, "and the other to write the story."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

A man chases a woman until she catches him.

## NEW ENGLAND WILL STAGE A "SMOKER" ON APRIL 17TH

Francis K. Maher, president of the New England Chapter writes The Octofoil the following letter for publication:

Dear Comrades: The New England Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is planning a smoker to be held on Friday evening, April 17, at 8:30 P.M. in the Connors Coffee Shop at the Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worcester, Mass.

Father Connors has given us the use of the now famous Coffee Shop for our smoker.

This is a smoker combined with an important meeting for all members of the New England Chapter.

Try and make this one meeting. Whether you are a paid-up member or not, we would like to see you on April 17th. We will try and have some films of baseball and football games, plus coffee and doughnuts. This will cost nothing—but your time will be well spent. We will have the latest up to date news on the New England Chapter, and also news from national, which we will bring back from a board meeting to be held in Pittsburgh on April 4.

## BENEFIT TO ALL

We ask only one commitment—that you let us know if you plan to attend because arrangements have to be made in advance.

This meeting will be a benefit to all who attend, that is why we ask that you make every effort to attend and state your views and make known to us your way of improving and having a more active Chapter.

## DON'T FORGET

So please set aside Friday, April 17, as your New England Chapter Night. The place: Connors' Coffee Shop, 353 Grove St., Worcester, Mass. Come early and be sure of a good seat. See you on the 17th.—Yours in Comradeship, Francis K. Maher, President, New England Chapter.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Taking a bottle of liquor to bed will make you sleep tight.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## JACK O'SHEA SAYS THINGS ARE SHAPING UP FOR ONE OF THE BEST REUNIONS EVER HELD

Jack O'Shea, 412 South Avenue, Holmes, Pa., is president of the alert Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter. Jack, in a recent letter to The Octofoil, has the following to say regarding the July, 1964 Reunion:

Reunion Chairman Al Cuprys and Co-Chairman John Sabato and the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter members are hard at work formulating plans for our annual Reunion to be held in Philadelphia—July 23, 24, 25. Headquarters will be the new and beautiful Sheraton Hotel, which will have free parking, with in and out privileges. This, we are sure will be an incentive and a breather moneywise to those who are chartering a course by way of the family "buggy."

At the present time we are unable to answer the one question that all interested parties want to know. That is: "What's it going to cost us?" We are indeed most anxious to keep

the price at the lowest level possible without taking a financial bath.

Bringing the Reunion back to the big city, following two most successful affairs away from the bright lights, lavish surroundings and anything else that culminates in the high and rather exorbitant prices confront one in a large city, is a major roadblock; and one that has to naturally be explored most fully. There will, of necessity, have to be a slight increase in the price of the strip ticket. But as yet this price has not been determined. Indeed this phase of our planning has been a source of deep concern to your host chapter. But all members can rest assured that in the next issue of The Octofoil, full and complete details will be forthcoming of our entire three-day schedule, which we feel will be in good taste, entertaining and most reasonably priced.—Sincerely, Jack O'Shea.

## 1964 Convention Committees Are Being Announced

Dick Wilson, Secretary of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter, writes The Octofoil as follows:

The following notes are excerpts from the minutes of our last meeting:

The meeting was held at the new Sheraton Hotel, in Philadelphia, on John F. Kennedy Blvd. The usual group were there, working hard to pull off a successful Convention. We were glad to see that Elias (Orville) Hopkins was out of the hospital and back with the fold. Also, long missing Bob Isaac showed up with his wife, Marjorie, and pitched right in.

Since Philadelphia is the 1964 Convention City our Chapter business was taken care of in rapid order to clear the way for Convention projects. Our Chapter plans included a plan for a "Victory" blow-off in September—to celebrate a successful convention. There will be a two dollar nite in April and a picnic in August. That concluded our Chapter business except to establish our future meeting schedule until Convention time. It is as follows: Feb. 15, March 14, April 11, May 16, June 13, and July 11.

Following is a list of various committee chairmen for the 1964 Convention:

**General Convention Chairman and Co-Chairman:** Al Cuprys and John Sabato.

**Registration and Finance:** John Sabato.

**Program:** Arthur MacDougal.

**Publicity:** Jack O'Shea.

**Gold Star Parents:** Oscar Richards.

**Transportation:** John Boden.

**Hospitality:** Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter and the Women's Auxiliary.

**Chairmen of Special Events:**

**Thursday Golf:** Bob Colflesh.

**Thursday Nite Party:** Marty Krasovetz.

**Friday Nite Dance:** Nick DiAugustine.

**Saturday Memorial Service:** Elias Orville Hopkins.

**Saturday Nite Banquet:** Al Cuprys.

**Ladies Auxiliary:**

**President:** Mrs. Theresa Cuprys.

**Vice-President:** Mrs. Shirley Sabato.

**Secretary:** Mrs. Betty MacDougal.

**Treasurer:** Mrs. Anne Wilson.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

A man with a remarkable vocabulary is one who can describe a shapely girl without using his hands.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Time tells on a woman—especially a good time.

## SOME NAMES WILL BE LIFTED FROM THE OCTOFOIL MAIL LIST

A lot of former Ninth men are receiving this issue of The Octofoil who, by rights, should not be getting a copy. But the Board decided to mail out some copies to a few hundred delinquents in the hope it would shame them into paying up and becoming members in good standing again. Those names will be plucked from the mailing list before another issue is mailed unless Secretary Quinn receives their 1964 dues.

Gold Star parents should not get excited about this—because Secretary Quinn never lifts their names from the mailing list. They will always receive The Octofoil. That is the least the Association can do for these good people.

And Secretary Quinn does not want to take any member's name off that list who is hard hit financially—such as being in a hospital or otherwise suffering from a streak of bad luck. Just take time out and send Secretary Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J., a postal card, telling why the dues can't be paid at this time.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## DAVE SILBERBERG SENDS INTERESTING MATERIAL

David D. Silberberg, Attorney, with offices in the Home Federal Building, Memphis, Tenn., is another former proud wearer of the Octofoil who was thoughtful enough as to send to The Octofoil one of the double page spreads from Life Magazine which showed Gen. Westmoreland with Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and the brightly colored Octofoil on Gen. Westmoreland's shoulder was a sight for sore eyes.

Dave writes, in part:

"I feel that the picture not only does credit for our General Westmoreland but through him represents one of the highest tributes paid to the OCTOFOIL, in that it is so prominently caught by the camera and flanked, as it was, by two great soldiers."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## "Martha" Is Added to Victor Christmas Photo

Noting the picture Walter Victor, of 340 Lyndhurst Dr., S.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30311, mailed out during Christmas holidays one change was made from last year's picture. The pictures of 1962 showed Tony, Johnny and Tommy Victor with "Isabelle," the canine pet. But this year "Martha" has been added to the group—Martha is a snow white feline pet.

## ★ THE OCTOFOIL ★

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

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## THE MEMORIAL FUND OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION Scholarship Information

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established by the members of the association to commemorate the memory of their comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in battle. As a part of this fund the association established a scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded each year to relatives of men who served in The Ninth Infantry Division.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be related to a man who has served with The Ninth Infantry Division. Children of former members of the division will be given first consideration, but children of men killed in combat given first preference. Applicants who are not children of former members of the division will not be considered unless no child of former member qualifies.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures must be followed by those wishing to apply for the scholarships:

1. Send a letter of application to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.
2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
4. Effective with the 1965 scholarship award, the applicant must take the PSAT given every October. The applicant must list the name and address of the chairman of the scholarship committee in the space on the application for the PSAT requiring three names of institutions or individuals to be sent the results of the test.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered. Only the top ten contenders will be asked to submit information on financial need.
8. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 200 North Elm Street, Mount Prospect, Illinois.

## TAYLOR HAS BEEN HOSPITAL PATIENT

The Octofoil personnel was beginning to wonder just what had happened to Taylor, Octofoil's old standby, Wilton Taylor, out in Lost Hills, Calif., Stop 6, a Star Route. The Octofoil editor had the pleasure of visiting with Wilton and Juanita in their hospitable Lost Hills home a few years ago.

Taylor advises that he was in the hospital in traction for a back ailment for some time and got a bit behind with all his correspondence.

Wilton's many friends from the entire 9th, as well as his own 47th, are happy to learn he is now out of the hospital and should be as good as new before very long.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable; those that are movable; and those that move.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## ED BREWER CLAN WILL TAKE IN WORLD'S FAIR

Edwin Brewer, formerly Co. L, 60th, now 4407 W. 54th Terrace—Shawnee Mission, Kansas, is a fixture and a MUST any more at Reunions. In a recent letter to Secretary Quinn, Ed has this to say:

"We all plan on attending the Philly Reunion; also on to New York and the World's Fair."

Ed's family seem to enjoy the Reunions as much as the "old man" does himself.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## JOHN COMPEL HEARD FROM IN McKEESPORT

John Compel's address is 2020 Barnsdale Ave., McKeesport, Pa. John is a former 60th Go-Devil—2nd Bn. He is planning on making the trek to Philadelphia in July.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Girls who hate to have the wool pulled over their eyes should wear cotton blouses.

## IRVING FEINBERG HAS MANY MEMORIES THAT INTEREST ALL MEMBERS

### A BIT OF REMINISCING

By IRVING FEINBERG

Making the "invasion" of Safi with a bicycle which was to be used to carry messages. Having to ride, carry and care for the bike through hundreds of miles in Africa, although it would have been much easier walking—and finally "losing" the two-wheeler in the Kasserine Pass.

### JUST WAITING

El Guettar—the 2nd Bn. 47th Inf., making an attack at 3 A.M. I was waiting back at the rear C.P. for messages which did not come. And as the early morning hours slowly passed, it became evident that the battalion was indeed lost. Then came a call from Col. Randle at the Regimental C.P. to have a radio man sent there at once. Being the only one of the species left, it just had to be me. I went to Col. Randle's tent. He explained the situation to me, gave me a radio and then told me to report to General Eddy, who also was there. The General, displaying a map, showed me the route the missing battalion had taken, and said, "I expect Col. Gershenour to be at this spot. You find him and I'll recommend you for the Congressional Medal of Honor." And so I set out on the journey, checking the telephone wire the battalion had laid and keeping Col. Randle informed of my progress.

After a good distance I met Capt. Clegg at the forward C.P. I explained the details to him and he said he would go with me and he would take Pvt. Cecere along with us to help check the phone wire. The three of us made our way to the end of the canyon and we were soon pinned down by a fierce artillery barrage. Pvt. Cecere was killed and Capt. Clegg and I had to make a run for it through the bursting shells. We became separated. I tried my radio but it was knocked out. The place the General had pointed out to me was so near, I walked over to it and it was disconcerting to find nothing there but signs of a battle and discarded equipment. There was nothing for me to do but make my way back to the rear C.P. and I got back that night—the end of an impossible mission. For me it was "The Longest Day."

### KINDA UNCOMFORTABLE

Col. Johnson took over the remnants of the 2nd Bn. Only one vehicle was allowed up front and that was a jeep to provide power for our big radio. I spent three days digging into the solid foundation to make a hole large enough for the radio and myself. And the next day as I was sitting nice and snug in the hole, a Messerschmitt 109 flew over, spotted the jeep, swooped down to within a few feet of me, fired several shots right at me and missed. Things were getting too close for comfort.

### REORGANIZING

Bizerte and Sicily—Col. Johnson molding the battalion into a strong fighting unit. Getting to see and admire him as a great leader and the bravest soldier I ever met. Operating a radio for him was always a stimulating experience. And thankful that our radio net functioned well at all times.

### ENGLAND—

England—months before the invasion. Filling the air with thousands of dummy messages to confuse the enemy. And then three weeks before "D" Day, one radioman from each battalion of the 47th Regt. sent on a secret mission. We soon found ourselves at a staging area for the 101st Airborne Division in Wales. Never having been in an airplane, I didn't feel too good about the possibilities of flying. Meeting General Eddy in the staging area, he tells me, "You are still part of the Ninth Division. You are only assigned to the 101st for this mission, but you'll be there before I will." "Well," I said, "I'll be waiting on the beach when you come in." But still there was nary a word as to what our task would be and it was quite baffling. Getting on the boat we were still in the dark as to what our mission was. But when the boat sailed, the plan was divulged; we were given many radios. The Ninth Division was to be there for the invasion. But it would be represented only by a few radio operators. We were to fill the air with enough messages to make it appear that the entire Ninth Division was really there.

"D" Day with all its excitement. And five days later standing on the beach as the Ninth Division came in and rejoining the 2nd Bn. 47th Inf.

It was good to be back!

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn.  
 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1964 dues for:

Name ..... Serial No. ....

Street Address .....

City ..... Zone ..... State .....

I was a member of:

Battery .....; Company .....; Regiment ..... 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year ..... \$ 4.00 ☐

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund ..... ☐

THREE-YEAR MEMBER ..... \$11.00 ☐

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(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

Ladies' Auxiliary Member ..... \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map ..... \$ .50 ☐

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## SHERATON HOTEL RESERVATION BLANK

Ninth Division Association members are requested to fill in hotel reservation application blanks immediately. Be sure and state that the reservation is for the Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion.

Sheraton Hotel,  
 Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Name .....

Street Address .....

City ..... State .....

I will arrive on ..... about ..... (P.M.) (A.M.)

And will check out on .....

Check the kind of room desired (X)

Single Room ..... ☐ \$ 8.00

Double rooms, double bed (2 persons) ..... ☐ \$12.00

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Rollaway beds ..... ☐ \$ 3.00

Completely air-conditioned—TV in every room. Children under 14 years of age in rooms at no additional cost.

## NEW YORK CHAPTER HAS NEW OFFICERS

The New York Chapter News letter Outgoing President Walter O'Keefe put out in January was a newsy little sheet. The following were listed as the newly elected officers of the Chapter for 1964:

President: John Rizzo.  
 First Vice President: Harry Orenstein.

Second Vice President Lou Almassy.

Secretary: Dom Miele.  
 Treasurer: Irving Feinberg.  
 Judge Advocate: Edward Egan.  
 Sergeant At Arms: Al Orletti.  
 Chaplain: George Apar.

Board of Governors—to serve until

December 31, 1965—

39th Inf.—Stan Cohen.

47th Inf.—George Apar.

60th Inf.—Harry Juneman.

Special Troops—A. Wadalavage.

Divarty—J. Haroutunian.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

If a girl has to choose brains, money, and appearance in a husband she will take appearance—and the sooner the better.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Ideas are funny things. They won't work unless you do.

## Mrs. McAvoy Plans Attending Reunion

Mrs. Lillian McAvoy, 3 Georgia Ave., Villa, N. J. 08251, reminds the Octofoil that on March 30 of this year it will have been 21 years since her son was killed while serving with the Ninth Division. Mrs. McAvoy is an avid reader of The Octofoil. She keeps up with Bill Mouser and some of the other buddies of her son through The Octofoil.

Since Philadelphia is only about three hours ride from Villa Mrs. McAvoy hopes to attend the Reunion there.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## BOYLE PREPARES A CONCISE STATEMENT

National Treasurer Tom Boyle has prepared his financial statement for the three months ended December 31, 1963 and mailed out to all members of the Board of Governors and the other officers.

It is the usual neat and understandable report that shows the Association is being steered by competent officers and is being kept on the black side of the ledger.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—



Captain Paul Lynch's Dad Writes An Open Letter to Andy, Tony and John

Mr. Joe Lynch, the Gold Star dad of Captain Paul Lynch is a booster for all Association projects. Mr. Lynch is one of the best known and best loved individuals seen each year at Reunions and at Father Connors' Memorial Services. His permanent home address is 475 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, N. J. The following open letter that he sent out under the date, January 12, 1964, is self-explanatory:

Dear Andy, Tony and John: This is the time each week when my Royal portable goes into action. By a strange coincidence I received Christmas greetings from former Major Anthony Danna and his wife, Bobby, in the same mail as I also received the latest issue of The Octofoil. I have for a long time been anxious to have available the addresses of Lt. Col. Andrew L. Baker, which I now see is 15 Shaw Street, No., Weymouth, Mass., and former Lieut. John Murphy is 16528 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, Calif. Tony lives at 7765 Greenridge Way, Fair Oaks, Calif. Tony mailed his card from Los Angeles and did not know he was only a short distance from John Murphy. This is a joint letter to all three and I should like to record something I have often stated: I shall never forget the way Buddies of my late son, Capt. Paul, rallied around me and helped to cushion the sorrow I endured when his remains were reinterred at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Tenafly, N. J.

VISUALIZE GATHERING

When I visit the Lynch plot where Paul, his mother and grandmother are laid away I can in retrospect visualize the large gathering of AAA—Bar Nothing, on a cold winter day in December, 1946. There was Fathers Sullivan and Kines, Doc Gallagher, Andy Baker, Tony Danna, John Murphy, Jimmy Roche, Jack O'Shea, Walter Sullivan, John Mc-

Gowan, Joe McCullogh, Bill Miller, and many others whose names I cannot recall at this late date. Father Connors was unable to be there but did come down several days later and offered a Mass for Paul at Mt. Carmel Church, Tenafly, then we went to the grave where Father recited some prayers for the deceased and blessed the grave. This was all very sad but comforting inasmuch as I had Paul's old buddies there to stand by my side like they stood by his side during battles.

"Time marches on," but one never forgets and that is what brings me to the annual reunion for Memorial Mass each November with Father Connors at Worcester, Mass. All the Gold Star parents find tremendous solace in the annual pilgrimages to New England. A Ninth Division Man would be missing something if he did not see the inspiring memorial to the boys who could not return. It is in a beautiful location overlooking Gold Star Boulevard, in Worcester, and of course a visit with our beloved Father Connors is a must.

HEARS FROM OTHERS

I see Red Nugent occasionally. (He has three sons: Jim, Joe and John). Sammy Miceli is only a few miles from here in New Jersey. I also had a card from Doc Simmons, New Bedford, Mass. and a pleasant surprise in November when Jimmy Roche showed up at Worcester.

74 YEARS YOUNG

The Good Lord willing I plan to attend the annual reunion at Philadelphia next July, but as I hope to celebrate my 74th birthday next month I am on borrowed time. They call me "Cement Blocks Lynch," but I cannot keep up this pace much longer. It is great fun in the meantime. "All the best" for 1964 to you three loyal friends and also to all the "Vets" of the good old Ninth Infantry Division.—Sincerely, Joe Lynch.

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July 23, 24, 25, 1964

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JOHN L. SCHMUCKER ATTENDED PARTY AND LOCATED OLD BUDDIES

John L. Schmucker, a former 1st Bn. Hqtr. Co. 39th man, now lives at 88-32 186th St., Jamaica 23, N. Y.

John writes that on Sunday, Dec. 8th he attended New York Chapter Children's Christmas Party at the Elks Club in Union City and there at long last he met three old war-time buddies, the first time in many, many years. All from the 39th Infantry, 1st Bn.:

Nick Androvich, Brooklyn, N. Y., of Hqtrs. Co.

Ralph Alessi, Valley Stream, N. Y., of A Co.

Frank Russo, Raritan, N. J., of B Co.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Texas Engineer Tires of Landlubber's Life

Art Schmidt's old B Co. 15th Engr. buddy, Carroll Leake, from out in the Lone Star State of Texas, writes that he has recently bought a 16-foot 40-horsepower motor boat and is ready to do some real fishing.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

The only trouble about being able to read women like a book is that you are liable to forget your place.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

CHARLES W. PEARL IS ANXIOUS TO CONTACT ANY OF THE OLD OUTFIT

Charles W. Pearl is a former 60th lad who gets his mail: Rt. No. 1, Box 19-A, Jefferson, Maryland 21755.

In a letter to Secretary Quinn, the former Go Devil writes in part:

"I have finally obtained your address and am anxious to again get in touch with my old outfit.

"I am enclosing the \$4 for dues and Octofoil. Hope we can make the convention this year which I understand is to be in Philadelphia. If I have missed the Octofoil containing the information needed about the convention, please be kind enough to forward same."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Mike Beck Looking for 60th F.A. Buddies

Michael Beck's present address is 19 Campbell Circle, Duquesne, Pa. Mike was with Hqtr. Bty. 60th F.A. He is sending out feelers trying to get as many of the old gang to move in on Philadelphia in July as he possibly can.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

As the Indian said: everyone is smoking the pipe of peace but no one is inhaling.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

RONALD HIRST RETIRED AS AIR CORPS CAPTAIN

Retired Captain Ronald M. Hirst re-established contact with Association headquarters last July 24. The former T-4 60th man wrote Secretary Quinn at that time:

"Yes, another lost Go Devil coming home! A former combat medic with George Co., 60th Regt. and the last NCOIC, 2nd Bn. Med. Det., 60th Inf., I wish to "re-enlist." I was, naturally, one of the charter members of the Association. Subsequently I retained membership with three years dues and then—before I knew it I had lost contact. Having spent the bulk of the past 15 years outside the continental limits, believe me it is not too difficult to lose more than membership in an association."

A later letter dated Dec. 21, 1963 from the former Go-Devil reads in part as follows:

"My membership blank is a bit antiquated but I trust it will suffice—a member of the association at its founding in 1945 at Ingolstadt—I lost my way but the routes have been clarified and I'm back.

"Of recent date I had the great pleasure to receive an autographed photograph from my former regimental commander, Lt. Gen. (then Colonel) William C. Westmoreland.

"Last April found my retirement from the active establishment as a Master Sergeant and I was subsequently promoted on the retired list to Captain (Air Force, I say quite humbly).

Presently I reside just a few short miles (unless you are a commuter) west of Washington and thus my desire for affiliation with the Washington Chapter. The address is Ronald M. Hirst, 7112 Village Drive, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

My association with the 9th stemmed from my assignment as a Medic with the 2nd Platoon of George Co. of the 60th. Subsequent to movement south into Bavaria for occupation duties I become NCOIC of the 2nd Bn. medical detachment and remained with it until return home in September, 1945. (Incidentally, I did not include that I joined the outfit while it was encamped by Elsenborn, Belgium.)

GOING BACK OVER THERE

Next spring I plan (God and finances willing), a trip to Normandy to partake of the 20th anniversary celebration of the D-Day landings of which I took part. I am endeavoring to infringe upon members of the 29th who are booking chartered aircraft through American Ex. Having sent the family on several outings on the Continent I am aware of the cost and thus would quite naturally wish to be able to take advantage of the 29th's generosity.

It feels good to be aboard the Association transport again.—Very sincerely, "Scotty" R.M.A. Hirst.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

MILLHOLLAND LIKES "TAR HEEL" STATE

Ken K. Mulholland is circulation manager for The Hickory Daily Record, Hickory, N. C. He is a former Co. G, 47th man. In a recent letter to Secretary Quinn, Ken has this to say:

Dear Dan: I had lunch the other day with Dr. W. T. MacLaughlin—47th—and he asked me if I was receiving The Octofoil. I told him no but to send me an application and I would send it in. Doc was looking fine and sends his best regards.

I wonder how many remember M. J. "Shortie" McDaniel who was in G Co., 47th? Well I saw him recently while on a trip to Florida. His address is M. J. McDaniel, 336 Jackson Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla. He was asking about Dan Quinn and Dr. MacLaughlin. He wants both of you to visit him in Florida.

I have been living in North Carolina since September of 1947 and am located about eight miles from Doc. We have three fine children: two boys—17 and 15, and a daughter, 14. I hope to make newspaper people out of them (the children). I must let this do for now. Glad to read about you and your work in The Octofoil and the next time I see Doc I will thank him for sending me his paper.—Sincerely, Ken K. Mulholland.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Paul Thomas On Sales Staff for Sears, Roebuck

Peter P. (Paul) Thomas, a former Co. B, 15th Engr. man, is a salesman with the Sears, Roebuck & Co. Worcester, Mass. plant, located at 661 Main St., Worcester.

Thomas never misses the Memorial Mass services conducted by Father Connors each year in Worcester.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

GEORGE APAR DOES OUTSTANDING JOB OF INSTALLING NEW OFFICERS

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT, Public Relations Director  
Greater New York Chapter  
69-20 69th Street  
Brooklyn 27, New York  
President 4-7100, Ext. 13

On Jan. 10 we had our Installation of Officers for 1964. The outgoing President, Walter O'Keefe, asked George Apar, Chapter Chaplain, to act as installing officer. Apar, as per usual, did a good job, complimenting the outgoing officers on a job well done and on citing the capability and interest in the Association of the incoming officers.

Apar made the following comment concerning some of the outgoing officers: Al Orletti, sergeant at arms: "Dance instructor of war time days and still able and willing to give a few free lessons." Second Vice President DeMaria: Membership would like to hear from him; First Vice President Ed Iannotti: "A sincere worker." Chaplain Apar discharged himself as outgoing Chaplain, noting that he felt out of place in that he wasn't wearing a "Yamalka" or skull cap for such an auspicious occasion. President Walter O'Keefe was congratulated for a good job both as Chapter President and as a member of the National Board of Governors. Apar commented on O'Keefe's sincere interest in the chapter and asked him to continue to aid the new administration with the same devotion. O'Keefe said he liked working for the Chapter.

OLD STAND-BYS

Even though Irving Feinberg, Chapter Treasurer, and Dominick Miele, Chapter Secretary, were not going out of office, Apar commented on their valuable services to the Chapter. In commenting on the good job done by the outgoing members of the Chapter Board of Governors, Herminio Suarez, Jack Scully, Goldstein and George Fraenkel—Apar appealed to the new administration to make more use of the capabilities of the incoming members of the Chapter Board of Governors, namely: Stanley Cohen, Harry Juneman, George Apar, Adolph Wadalavage, and Horetunian.

Apar advised the writer he should continue reporting the news "without fear of censorship."

With regard to the incoming officers, Apar had the following comment to offer: Second Vice President Lou Almasy: A sincere worker who attends all meetings. First Vice President Harry Orenstein: An active member, hard worker and member of the National Board of Governors, and "about time he was given proper recognition despite his inclination to refrain from making himself noticed." Commenting on President John Rizzo, Apar complimented the Chapter upon having men of the calibre Rizzo has to be available for Chapter President. Apar wished Rizzo the best of luck. Rizzo said he hoped he could do as good as the outgoing president, but said he needed the support of all members. He complimented Miele and Feinberg on their sincere labors in behalf of the Chapter. He also complimented Frank Fazio and Jack Scully. He asked the writer to accept the job as veteran's counsellor, and he appointed Emil Langer and Lou Almasy to work on the Scholarship Committee with Walter O'Keefe.

RANDOM NEWS ITEMS

Frank Fazio reported that the 50-50 Club proved profitable. Dan Quinn did some clowning as the bearer of colors.

The New York Taxi News had an item praising one of their men who had been a member of the Association for 18 years. Ed Egan reported there is no such person as a Victor Marcone listed in the New York Hack Bureau.

1965 REUNION

Harry Orenstein appealed for a strong effort to get the 1965 Reunion for New York. Doc Seslow, Rizzo, Vincent Guglielmino, O'Keefe, Fazio, Apar, Egan and Fraenkel also made appeals on the same subject.

Feinberg suggested that the Chapter try to have our dance at a different location to satisfy the ladies. O'Keefe said he would check on the prices in Ridgewood (Brooklyn). Quinn, Rizzo, Fazio and Haroutunian said they would be willing to go along with the idea. Ed Egan reported that the Royal Oak owner reported that the place closed after Jack Scully was there—probably there wasn't anything else to sell.

Fraenkel won a musical danceter, donated by John Rizzo, and Harry Wax won a bottle of wine donated by Jack Scully. Wax had left and the writer volunteered to deliver the wine. Harry was away from home when the wine was delivered—and

no sampling ceremony was possible.

QUINN BRINGS JUG

Dan Quinn brought a bottle of whiskey to the meeting. There was a bottle of rye and Scotch consumed.

Feinberg provided individual copies of the Chapter balance sheet to the members. They were sent through the mail with the regular meeting notice. Income somehow exceeded expenses despite the fact Feinberg was seen sporting a new suit. The meeting was held at the Hotel Statler Hilton, 7th Ave. and 33rd St., New York City.

FEBRUARY 7TH MEETING

On Feb. 7 we had our meeting at the Hotel Statler Hilton. President O'Keefe (outgoing), called upon George Apar to offer the opening prayer. O'Keefe then urged the membership to get their scholarship applications in. He then turned the gavel over to John Rizzo (incoming president). Quinn then presented Rizzo with a basket of flowers which he claimed was donated by the "Ladies' Auxiliary." Quinn reported on The Octofoil editor's illness and asked the members to send some get-well cards.

PICNIC PLANS

Fazio and Scully have agreed as usual, to make plans for our picnic, which is to be held June 7 at Seeley's Pond, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Tickets for adults are only \$3, and children under 14 are free.

FEINBERG HAS SUGGESTION

Feinberg reported that our treasury was still in the black, but in commenting on the low status of Good and Welfare Fund, he suggested that the Chapter member who allegedly owns about half of the outstanding stock of American Telephone & Telegraph should make a contribution to the fund. There was no response even in the face of the fact Wall St. had goods news recently about AT&T announcing increase in dividend, available stock at discount, and stockholder vote on stock split of two for one. Fazio and Scully will elaborate on these developments at the March meeting that will be held at the Statler Hilton.

Rizzo asked that members of the Chapter Board of Governors report earlier for a special meeting. Ed Egan reported that George Morgan, Co. A, 47th, has been looking for people who can help him establish service connection with regard to his claim for disability compensation for an arthritic condition. In connection with this Apar made a plea that a Veterans Service Officer be set up on both the National and Chapter level.

O'Keefe reported that \$8.50 (no meal) was the lowest bid he could get to hold a dance in New York City. Fazio, Quinn and O'Keefe are working on Reunion plans.

Quinn and Fazio reported that the manager of the Elk's Lodge in Union City, N. J., Bill Bauer, is getting married and an affair was to be held in his honor. Members interested in attending this affair (dance and supper for \$5 at the Elks Lodge on February 29), should contact Fazio or Quinn.

O'Keefe made a motion that the Chapter reimburse Dom Miele for the price of a splicer and titler for our motion picture camera. The motion was seconded by Stan Cohen and approved by the members.

MR. MCNERNEY DONATES

The Dark Horse Prize, a bottle of Four Roses, was donated by Gold Star father, Mr. McInerney, and was won by Ed Egan, who in turn donated the bottle to the chapter to be used for refreshments.

NEW ADDRESSES

Rizzo announced the following changes of address: John J. Smith, A-T, 47th, now living at 512 85th St., No. Bergen, N. J. He formerly lived at 6235 Hudson Blvd.; Louis Sackman, General Delivery, Orlando, Florida, H Co., 47th. He formerly lived at 1176 Barnes Dr., Warminster, Pennsylvania; Joseph Montalchi, Cannon Co., 39th, now living at 1408 90th St., No. Bergen, N. J. He formerly lived at 1300 145th St.

JUNEMAN'S MOTHER PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 19

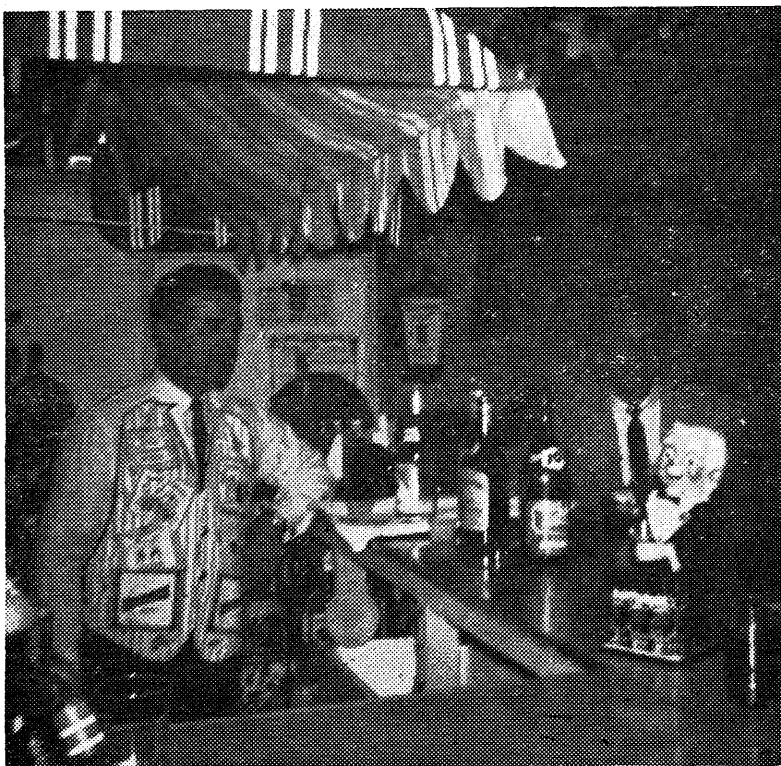
Harry Juneman's mother died on December 19, 1963. He explained that is why he had not attended the last two meetings. The Chapter extends heartfelt sympathy.

RAFFA PASSED AWAY

Fazio reported that Tommie Raffa, G Co., 47th, wounded in El Guettar, died in early January, 1964. He had been living in the Bronx.

Some new faces present at the meeting were Marvin Kaczinski, Cannon Co., 47th, and Wilbert Goldsmith, Co. E, 39th. There were at least 50 members present to welcome the incoming officers and to thank the officers who were going out.

## MAHER BASEMENT GOOD FELLOWSHIP SECTOR



Pictured above is a gentleman bartender from Worcester, Mass. Former Association President Francis Maher is pictured back of the picturesque good fellowship bar he has in his basement in which to entertain friends and especially any former Ninth men passing through Worcester. Each year it is a must for former Ninth men attending the Memorial Services to visit the Maher home before leaving Worcester. Pictured on the visitor's side of the bar is Arthur Paulus of New York City, a regular attendant each year to the Memorial Services. Art is always accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Frances Sears and sister, Evelyn Paulus.

## A Merry Christmas Letter to Al and Theresa Cuprys

The following Christmas greeting letter sent out by Bill and Louise Bateman to many of their friends is self-explanatory. The letter was typed on beautifully Christmas decorated stationery. Al and Theresa Cuprys, 1124 W. Kings Highway, Mt. Ephraim, N. J., furnished The Octofoil their copy of Bill's Christmas letter for publication, which reads:

TO AL and THERESA CUPRYS—Christmas time brings memories of old friends. The highlights of the past year have been visits with some of them . . . to Louisiana in June with the Halls, southern Indiana with relatives, to my home town, White Hall for their homecoming in July, and to the Convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association in Springfield in July.

## CONVENTION IMPRESSIVE

The Convention was impressive with members attending from all over the country, with Gov. Kerner being a member from our state. To me, it was wonderful to visit with some of my old friends. The Averys from St. Louis were there, the Joe Mowrys from Forest City, N. C. We had a visit with them in their home in 1961 and would like to return sometime and see more of the places interest there. Al Cuprys and his wife were there. Their home is in Ephraim, N. J. He is chairman of the convention to be held next

year in Philadelphia. I have hopes of making the convention and visiting some old Army friends in that area. The conventions are wonderful. I wish I could attend them all.

## LOCATE BOB SLAPINSKI

I had wondered why Bob Slapinski didn't turn up at the Convention. No one seemed to have his address. A few weeks ago I decided to try telephoning Milwaukee and see if I could reach him. The call went right through and it was a thrill to reach another old Fort Bragg friend. They invited us up and we spent the weekend with them. They have the 40 Winks Motel so we enjoyed a lovely motel room with old friends to visit with.

## A BUSY FAMILY

This year finds our family busy. Nancy is a Freshman and busy with school activities. She plays the pipe organ for early service at the Methodist church and really enjoys it. Billy is in third grade and loves school, especially on "scout day." Donnie is in kindergarten and does his best to keep up with the rest of them.

Our best wishes to you and yours for a Good Christmas. May the blessings of the holy day touch your home.

—THE BATEMANS—Bill, Louise, Nancy, Billy, Donnie.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## CUPRYS AND SABATO ISSUE AN APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

To the Men, and Gold Star Parents, and Their Families of the Ninth Infantry Division Association:

For years now the Ninth Infantry Division Association has strived to hold us together, in memory of our past and of those 4,581 men that did not return with us, by holding a National Reunion each year. Many of us have enjoyed these reunions year in and year out with little thought to the efforts that the National Association puts forth to see that they happen.

## PLANS ALL SET

A major effort in holding these reunions usually falls on the Local Chapters. Each Chapter in their own way strives to make every Reunion a bigger, better and more enjoyable one for the members and their families. We of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter are doing everything in our power to make this Reunion a most memorable and enjoyable one. The plans are all set and only the leg work remains to complete our plans.

However, with all the efforts of the National Association and its local chapters, it is really you, the member, who make these Reunions successful, enjoyable and memorable. So now it remains for each of us, as members, to see to it that these reunions will continue year after year—with success. So plan

now to be there, to meet your friends there. Write to some of your friends and buddies today. Bring your entire family.

See you at the new Sheraton Hotel in Penn Center, 1725 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, in Philadelphia, July 23, 24 and 25, 1964.

ALFONS CUPRYS, Chairman  
JOHN SABATO, Co-Chairman,  
1964 Reunion Committee.

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## ED MACHOWSKI HEARD FROM IN "WINDY CITY"

Edward Machowski's address is 5931 N.W. Circle Ave., Chicago, Ill. Ed was with the 47th Meds.

The former Pill Pusher sends his kindest regards to his old buddies and is expecting to see many of them in Philadelphia this summer.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## Joe Rappazini Writes From Oak Park, Mich.

Joe Rappazini, 24001 Sherman Ave., Oak Park 37, Mich., sends his kindest regards to his old buddies and says he would be happy to get a card or letter from any of them.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

A much married movie star has gone into deep mourning for her latest husband, whom she loved very much. She insists on black olives in her Martini.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## FRANCIS MAHER TURNS BACK THE PAGES OF HISTORY AND REFLECTS

Francis K. Maher, past National Association President, and now the New England Chapter president addresses the following letter to members and former members of the Association:

Dear Comrades: The year 1964 brings to us a chance to go over our records and count heads, and try to bring back into the New England Chapter all those who have fallen by the wayside for nonpayment of dues.

All active members are taking part in this drive to see if we can contact those who were once members of the Association and get them back into the fold.

Why not sit back in your easy chair. If you have the snap open cans handy, open one, and if not yell for Mabel and she will bring you one.

## RELAX AND MEDITATE

Now it is time to relax and meditate awhile and bring yourselves back to the good old days at Fort Bragg. Think of all the new friends that you are now meeting, and trying to find someone from our hometown.

Next comes the long days of training and wondering why this is all necessary. Then the first pay day rolls around and everyone is loaded with twenty-one bucks. You don't know if you should throw a pass or kick. After the first pay day is when everybody knows one another better and you become real pals after that.

## TRAINING IS OVER

Training is now over and the word is out that we are headed for overseas. This we did and we got ourselves into the biggest fight of our life. This is where your buddies really counted, for one was depending on one another for survival. A lot of hardships were shared among all members of the great 9th, but the burden was lightened with the long awaited news that we had been praying daily for. That the War Is Over.

Now comes more good news that we will soon be heading back to the states. We talk about what we might do and the many plans we hope will work out. We exchange many home addresses and we told one another that we will make a visit the first

chance we get, finally we reach the states and it is now time for saying good-bye; some of the hand shakes we are now receiving would pull your arm out of the socket.

Many promises are now being made never to lose contact with one another and this is where everyone heads for all four points on the compass. Now as time goes on it seems as though some of those promises have been forgotten like an old bill, but it is now time for us to look for our old customers to rejoin the association.

## ON TO PHILLY

This year we are having our annual reunion at the new Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia on July 23-24-25, 1964. I would like to appeal to all members from the New England Chapter to try and attend if at all possible so that we could be well represented at this Reunion.

We would like to see more members take an interest in the functions and there are many. These functions should stir up enough interest among our members so that they could take part in getting on one of the various committees. This is one of the highlights of our Reunion and an honor for you to serve.

This Ninth Division Association is your own pride and joy and held in high esteem in all sections of the country. So let's hear from you fellows and get back with the old gang. I leave you with one thought in mind: We want to put our best team on the field, but we must have a full team to win.

For further information in regards to new members or for renewal of membership please contact any one of the following:

Francis K. Maher, President  
New England Chapter  
14 Davenport, St.  
Worcester, Mass.

Edward McGrath, Vice-President  
New England Chapter  
99 Edwards Street  
Marshfield, Mass.

Thomas Boyle, Natl. Treasurer  
39 Hall Avenue  
Somerville, Mass.

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## OSCAR RICHARDS HEADS COMMITTEE CARING FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS

Oscar W. Richards, 467 Sharon Drive, Wayne, Pa., has been appointed chairman of the Gold Star Parents activities for the 1964 Reunion. Oscar is a former Cannon Co., 60th man. His letter to The Octofoil is as follows:

## ATTN: GOLD STAR PARENTS

As a former member of Cannon Co. 60th Inf. Go Devils, Ex Jeep Driver Oscar Richards takes this opportunity to say Hello and best wishes to all the officers and elisted men of my old outfit.

At this time I would like to hear personally from all Gold Star parents who expect to attend the 1964 Reunion at the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia, and also from those who would like to attend but for various reasons may not be able to. I want to make available all the courtesies and conveniences the local Chapter can come forward with to these fine Gold Star people.

## REUNION REACTIONS

Everyone should make their plans early who can possibly attend the 1964 Reunion. It's mighty nice to get back with the Old Gang as I found out last July in Springfield. When you can step on a bus with all former Ninth men and every time the driver attempts to take off and some member hasn't quite made it and everyone yells HOLD IT. Well, that's the general idea. And next winter you can go back home and dream about what the next Reunion will be like. Like for instance when the Governor of Illinois (a former 9th officer) came over and sat at our table for a while and asked me "Are you having a good time?" My reply, "You have to have a good time at these conventions." And also one of the officers I used to drive in my jeep occasionally I hadn't seen for a few years—whom you ride out on the bus with, and walk across the lawn to Memorial Services—catching up on the latest news about so and so. And find out (while with him) that he is still in the service—of whom am I speaking?—none other than Colonel Smith.

And of course you meet some of the boys you can rely on to meet at the Reunions "the Old Reliabilities"—like Al Sebock from Chicago, for instance.

## GET IN TOUCH

So write now, Dear Gold Star Parents. Get in touch with me so by the time Reunion rolls around we will be well acquainted and have all our plans tied up in the old duffle bag—so to speak. As they say, it's later than you think.

I am sure to all those who come to Philadelphia their joys will far outweigh any disappointments and leave a tidy net profit of pleasant memories. For example, after I had driven the X number of miles out to Springfield with the feeling of "Go West Young Man" and you're sure to meet at least some of the fellows you haven't seen (and they know whom I mean) for years and you walk in Thursday and find out—Oh, I guess they will show up Friday or if not, Saturday for sure.

But in any event—everyone there are Ninth men and their families. So the whole three days everyone feels right at home. Whether or not everyone who is expected shows up for roll call or not, everyone can naturally face up and fall right-in to the tune of 9th Division high gear and no double clutching or shifting down until you are on your way home.—Cordially yours, Oscar W. Richards, 467 Sharon Drive, Wayne, Pennsylvania 19087.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## Hugh and Esther Hanson Take Trip

Hugh Hanson, 6915 Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44103, is home from the VA Hospital for the time being anyway. He hopes for good. Several Cleveland former 9th men called on Hugh at an old address that was given recently in The Octofoil. The new address given above is called to the attention of former Ninth men in Northern Ohio.

Hugh and Esther made a trip recently to Norwalk, Conn. Returning by way of New York the couple attempted unsuccessfully to contact Adolph Wadalavage. They moved out of New York City down into Atlantic City for a brief visit—then back to the Buckeye State.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

It isn't what a girl knows that should bother a man. It's how she learned it.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## New England Chapter Elects

By THOMAS J. BOYLE,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
New England Chapter  
39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass. 02144  
Officers of the New England Chapter for the current year are:  
President: Francis Maher.  
Vice-President: Edward McGrath.  
Secretary-Treasurer: Thomas J. Boyle.  
Chaplain: Father Ed Connors.

Board of Directors: Leo Stier, Fred D'Amore, Henry Shimkoski, Ronald Murphy, Peter Cusack and Connie Matulis.

A meeting was held on Friday, Feb. 7, 1964 at Connors Coffee Shop in Worcester, Mass. There was a good turnout of the local members. The meeting maintained a very serious attitude while subjects were discussed that the members felt would benefit the Chapter and the National Association.

## SUGGESTIONS TO BOARD

The New England Chapter went on record as favoring many things that in turn were recommended to New England representatives on the National Board of Governors for presentation at the next Board meeting. This meeting produced many good ideas that will first have to be presented to the Board in order not to get involved with other chapters. Look for a lot of noise from Franny Maher and Henry Shimkoski in Pittsburgh on April 4th.

## MONTHLY SETUP

The Chapter plans to go on an every month meeting basis. Tentative date for the next meeting is set for Friday, April 17, 1964. A Sports Night in the Worcester area is being planned. All former 9th men in the New England area are asked to keep this date in mind. A Chapter letter with additional information will be sent to all the members.

## FATHER CONNORS WITH THEM

The latter part of the meeting was devoted to good eating, good drinking and reminiscing. Father Connors was the gracious host and spent the full evening with the group. The session broke up at a reasonable hour and the members left feeling the evening had been well spent—with good food, good drinks and good friends along with a lot of time spent in a serious vein with problems that require attention at both a local and national level.

As New England Secretary-Treasurer, the writer had no sooner entered the meeting room than he was approached by members wanting to pay 1964 dues. The only ones not in line to pay were those who had paid Secretary Dan Quinn after the Memorial Services.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## CARL WARD MAKING PLANS FOR REUNION

Carl Ward, former 34th F.A. man, writes from Rt. 1, Box 113, Reidsville, N. C., and asks about some former 34th men. Parts of his letter reads: Hi Dan: I see where the reunion is going to be in Philadelphia this year. This is very fine. We could not attend last year because we had the week of July 4th off.

You can bet on this one though, because we enjoyed the one at Fort Bragg so much. I met so many of the old boys that I didn't think I would ever see again.

## CONTACTED MANY

Since the reunion at Fort Bragg I have contacted so many of the boys that we served with and visited and wrote them. I am still trying to contact them. I want this to be one of the greatest reunions the 34th ever had. It's so many of the boys who came home early like I did and did not know a thing about the Association until contacted last year. I got four or five members to join up last year.

I would appreciate getting the names and addresses of any former B Btry., 34th F.A. men. Looking forward to the next issue of The Octofoil, I am respectfully—Carl Ward.

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## Dick Toole and Mrs. Toole Visit Florida

Dick Toole, Rt. 2, Circleville, O., the outgoing president of Ohio's Chapter is on an extended trip through Florida with Mrs. Toole.

Dick and Elizabeth have patronized the "Sport of Kings" several times since arriving in Florida. They have also visited the Florida State Fair. When the last card was received from the travelers their agenda called for a visit with General and Mrs. Ed Randle while in the Tampa-St. Pete area.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

For years the two sexes have been racing for supremacy. Now they've settled down to neck and neck.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—



## GENERAL RANDLE HAS SOME FOND MEMORIES OF HIS 47TH ATHLETES

When anyone begins talking athletic contests that were held between Ninth Division units, they have an interested listener in the person of Gen. Edwin H. Randle, 503 Althea Road, Belleaire, Clearwater, Fla.

After reading Sgt. Bill Kreye's letter on page 6 of the November-December Octofoil, Gen. Randle got out his typewriter and typed the following letter to The Octofoil:

Toward the close of Bill Kreye's letter on page 6 of the November-December Octofoil he mentions baseball, Al Papai who pitched for the 47th at Bragg and that he (Kreye) is compiling sports yarns. Well, here is something for his collection:

### 47TH PLACED THIRD

I took command of the 47th Infantry in early February, 1942. A division basketball tournament was just ending. I saw the last game. The 47th Infantry placed third in the tournament. I was not happy about that and promised myself that thereafter the 47th would place first in everything.

The next athletic event was a division boxing tournament. We did a lot of preparing and the 47th did win first place, but it was a close finish. Everything depended on the last bout—the heavyweights. I have forgotten the name of the 47th heavyweight, but he was from D Co. with not much boxing experience. But he had plenty of guts and heart. He kept slamming in there and taking all the punishment his opponent could dish out. And he won his fight—by a decision. That gave the 47th enough points to come out winner.

### BASEBALL NEXT

Next came baseball. I searched for an officer who could coach a baseball team. There was none in the regiment. But there was a regular army sergeant in the 1st Battalion—I've forgotten the man's name—who had coached a lot of ball teams in the old 9th Infantry Regiment.

I detailed him as coach and told him to issue a call for players and start practice every day at 2:30 P.M. The men on the squad were to be excused from guard and from drill at 2:00 P.M. But one day Gen. Eddy saw my baseball squad practicing and sent for me. "Randle," he said, "2:30 is too early to excuse your ball team from training."

"Well, when can they practice?" I asked.

"How about 3:30?" he suggested grudgingly.

"Yes, sir," I said. "We'll start at 3:30." And we did.

### AL PAPAI WAS NO. 1

Our No. 1 pitcher was Al Papai. When he got up on that mound he looked like a pro. I guess he was a pro. We had another pitcher and he was good too, but Al Papai was the best. We won our first game, but there were very few officers present. Games were played late in the afternoon and most officers liked to take off then for Fayetteville, Southern Pines and one or two other places.

I had an officers' meeting. I told them we had a fine ball team and were going to win the division championship. When I suggested they ought to support the team and attend every game they assured me they most certainly would. Indeed, yes. And from then on we had a big officers' cheering section, augmented

by that fat, ex-marine 1st Sergeant out of the 2nd Battalion. I've forgotten his name, but you all know who I mean. His loud mouth and amusing chatter helped win games. Of course there was always a big turn-out of enlisted men.

To make a long story short the 47th did win every game and Al Papai pitched most of them. After we cinched the championship the Sergeant who was coach wanted me to get a five day pass for every member of the team. I was willing, but only Gen. Eddy could grant five-day passes and he refused. He said, "Tell your ball team they haven't done so much." I think he was a little peeved because the 39th hadn't won. You see, he had served in the 39th in World War I.

### WINS AT SOFTBALL

Next the 47th won the soft-ball tournament. And after that the military tournament. Remember that Division issued a list of events and after studying it I called in certain officers. For example I said to Major Roberts (47th Surgeon): "You will organize and train the medical teams—litter race, splints and like that. And your teams had better win, or else." An officer was assigned by me to organize the tug-of-war team, and on to every other, and to each one I said, "Win, or else."

And they did win—almost every one. It got downright embarrassing, my going down from the stand, shaking hands with the winners, and giving them their cartons of cigarettes put up by the division recreation officer. I still have some pictures of that day.

A little later division had a close order drill competition and all the 47th units won except Company K. K Company was robbed. The 47th had won so much the judges unblushingly threw first place in the squad competition. I think it was, to another regiment. Remember that?

### THE 47TH HAD PRIDE

You are probably asking yourselves why I, the Colonel of a regiment, was so eager to win everything? I'll tell you why. I didn't really care too much about fights and ball games, etc. And I certainly did not do it to make someone look bad. The C. O.s of any of the regiments or separate battalions could have done the same. What I really was after was to develop pride. Pride and a desire to win. In the Army athletics fosters pride. Any worthwhile accomplishment does. The members of those teams had accomplished something. They had worked hard, played hard, and won. I was proud of them and they were proud of themselves. But most of all, the officers and all the men of the 47th were proud of them and of their regiment. That makes for esprit-de-corps, and brother the 47th Infantry had it. And still does.

I often wondered what became of Al Papai. Then somebody told me he returned safely from the war to pitch more baseball. I was pleased with that. Al was a good soldier. He will probably be surprised that his old colonel remembers him, but I have all these years. Wherever he is I wish him well. He helped more than he knows to develop the spirit of the 47th.—Cordially yours, Edwin H. Randle.

## Ed Egan Hears From Merrie Ole England

The letter that Ed Egan, New York Chapter, and a former Co. G, 47th man, received from Bill Pillbeam, 39 Jenner Way, Manor Estate, Alton Hauts, England, will bring back many fond memories. Bill liked the Ninth boys and they in turn felt most kindly toward him. The letter to Egan, dated Dec. 3, 1963, reads:

Dear Pal: As you know by now I have retired from business, the brewers considered the "Royal Oak" was not suitable for modernizing, so sold the property; it is now an estate agents, I had to get out, so I took a job for two and a half years as a club steward in charge of everything. There was a good bungalow with the job, which was what I wanted. By that time my pension was due so we both decided to call it a day. My son's wife kindly wrote to you last year.

### HELLO TO SCULLY, FAZIO, ETC.

Should you see Jack Scully, Frankie, or any of the lads we knew, please give them our kindest regards. Wishing you all the very best in the future.—Yours sincerely, Bill.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Read sign in an Army camp: Drive Jeeps carefully. You may hit your own replacement!

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## Pat Morano Always In There "Pitching"

As noted in recent issues of The Octofoil Pat Morano's company saw fit to transfer him from his New York location, they were not able to slow Pat down from working for the New York Chapter and the National Association. Pat is a former president of the Greater New York Chapter—and he was a good one.

In a recent letter to Secretary Dan Quinn, Pat asks for some Association application blanks and some other items for a former 39th man he has recently contacted through his wife, Ann Morano. The former 9th man is Ernest Kovach, 380 Lortz Ave., Chambersburg, Pa., formerly Co. D, 39th, and also formerly of 95 Guilden St., New Brunswick, N. J.

Pat says Kovach is anxious to hear from any of his old buddies.

Pat's address is 2208 Lincoln Way, East, Chambersburg, Pa. Both he and Ann send best wishes to their old friends and buddies in the New York Chapter.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

When a man and woman marries they become one. Of course, they must decide which one, and that is where the trouble often starts.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

The H-bomb will never determine who is right. Only who is left.

## Illinois Chapter Elects Officers

The Illinois Chapter elected officers for the ensuing year at its January meeting. The newly elected officers are:

President: Charles Koskie of Schiller Park.

First Vice President: James Sullivan of Westchester.

Second Vice President: Claude Murray of Jacksonville.

Secretary: David Heller of Highland Park.

Treasurer: William Hennemuth of Mount Prospect.

Board of Managers: Roger Elmer of Chicago; Howard Summer, of Springfield; Elbert Price, of Champaign.

Chaplain: Bud Remer, Chicago.

The chapter plans to hold its February meeting at the new home of the Bob Winkelmans, on February 22, at 9 P.M. The Winkelmans are now settled in their new house in Palatine.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

Plans are underway for the annual Memorial Day services at the graveside of someone killed during the war. Every year the Illinois Chapter holds a Memorial Service at the graveside of a member of the Division who was killed in action. Notices will be sent through the mail announcing the time and place for the services.

The March meeting of the Chapter will be held at the Forest Park Moose Lodge, 8:30 P.M., March 20.

### PREXY CLOUSER ON NEW JOB

National Association President John Clouser, 200 N. Elm St., Mount Prospect, Ill., hasn't forgotten how to "buck" for promotion just because he has discarded that G.I. uniform. On January 27 John started on a new job—assistant principal of Maine Township High School East in Park Ridge, Ill.—a school of 4,200 students.

Clouser qualified himself to hold top drawer jobs with the Illinois Board of Education's facilities the hard way. He had to support himself all the time he has been cramming for all those Degrees he has plastered on the walls of his home.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## SAM FIGA TRYING TO FIND JOE SANTUCCI

Samuel M. Figa, a former staff sergeant with Co. E, 39th Rgt., writes from 148 N. Bedford Rd., Mt. Kisco, New York. Sam is employed by the Kisco Shade and Blind Co. In a recent letter, among other things, Sam has the following things to ask and to say:

Dear Mr. Quinn: Would you be so kind as to forward to me particulars regarding the Ninth Division Reunion to be held this coming July. I served with Co. E, 39th Rgt. from January, 1941 until August, 1945, and would be interested in attending the Reunion.

### LOOKING FOR SANTUCCI

If it is at all possible can you advise me of any way to locate Joseph Santucci, now or formerly of Wilkes Barre, Pa., who was also a member of Co. E, 39th Inf. I am expecting a visitor from England who knew Sgt. Santucci at the time we were stationed there and who would like to see him once more. It is important to locate him prior to April 1. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Any member of the Association who can help Sam Figa locate Joseph Santucci should send him a card at once to the address given above.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## EV SPINK MISSED OUT ON OCTOFOIL

Everett H. Spink, 7293 Akron Rd., Lockport, N. Y., writes Secretary Quinn as follows:

Hi Dan: Do you suppose the reason I haven't received an Octofoil recently is because I haven't paid my dues? If that's the case here is my four bucks. You and Plunkett get me back in the good graces and on the mailing list.—Best regards, "Ev" Spink.

Secretary Quinn wants Ev's old 9th Signal Co. buddies to know that there was a snafu somewhere in Uncle Sam's mail delivery organization because Ev's name has never been taken off the mailing list—because he was an early bird 1963 dues payer. Anyway back issues were sent to him. It is hoped that if there are others who are not getting The Octofoil and who should and there may be a postoffice snafu, that they will register a complaint with Secretary Quinn or The Octofoil at once.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

The reason women live longer than men is because paint is a good preservative.

## GEORGE MORGAN IN VENICE, CALIF.

George Morgan, former Co. A and Co. F, 47th man, is having quite a hard time compiling disability data for the VA. Several of his old buddies in the New York area have forwarded affidavits that it is hoped will be helpful. Ed Egan of the New York Chapter has been especially active in his efforts trying to help his old buddy. Morgan's address is George A. Morgan, 240 Linnie Canal, Venice, Calif. 10291. In a letter to Egan dated Feb. 4, George writes:

Dear Ed: In your last letter written in my behalf you stated you knew of my back injuries. These injuries are recognized by the VA and for which I receive 40 percent compensation, which according to their weird scale of compensation is tops. Although I was hospitalized for arthritis of the spine in 1945 and have been completely unable to work since 1957.

My new VFW representative claims my whole case has been mis-handled from the start. To cross out the back injuries and concentrate on the arthritis of the spine. (This can be done on the same affidavits that I am returning for correction and on the back of same.)

### ASSIGNED TO MAIL SECTION

It is suggested that you state you knew of the tremendous effort that I had to exert to do my work because of the excruciating pain in my back, shoulders, arms and hands—that I could not perform the duties of a soldier or combat man due to this pain—or words to this effect.

Undoubtedly you all know of this to be true as I could not even take care of my equipment, dig a fox-hole or perform the normal duties required of a combat man and was undoubtedly the only reason I was placed on Special Duty, then held at 47th Regt. Hqtrs., and finally sent to the Mail Section that was attached to 9th Division Hqrs. before being hospitalized.

I know this all sounds awfully weird. Despite all the evidence accumulated in service and to the present time this is the way it has to be done.

I again thank you and all the wonderful friends who have come to my assistance and some way or other intend to see you one of these days.—As ever, the indispensable private, signed George A. Morgan.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## Crovella's Mother Passed Away

Cosmo Crovella's mother recently passed away. Cosmo was a First Sergeant with L Co., 60th, and was one of the Go-Devs who never got back. Walter O'Keeffe, president of the New York Chapter, noted Cosmo's mother's obituary in the paper and he sent the family a copy of "8 Stars to Victory." A letter of thank you was received from Mrs. Joseph (Evelyn) Monttrosso, 1383 Black Channel Drive, Far Rockaway, N. J. Mrs. Monttrosso is a sister of Sgt. Cosmo and states they were always quite close to each other and she still misses him. Joe Monttrossa, Evelyn's husband, was a First Division man, and she says he really enjoyed reading "8 Stars to Victory," as well as other members of the family.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## New York News Seeks Al Bruchac's Opinion

The New York News' inquiring photographer cornered Al Bruchac on January 15, 1964 and put this question to him: If the workweek is eventually shortened, will you know what to do with the additional leisure?

Bruchac is a former National Association president, and operates a liquor store on 27th St., Long Island. Here's Al's answer:

"Yes. The first thing I would do would be to catch up with my work at home—painting, repairs, etc. I would completely modernize it. Then I'd get a part-time job to help pay for the gallivanting I'd do to kill time. Anything I do is going to cost me additional money."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## Harry Odom's Island Estate Is Destroyed

New England newspapers and radios recently printed and broadcast news about a big fire on Mohegan Island in Maine. Two brothers owned most of the island—and one of the brothers was a former Co. A, 39th Regt. man—Harry Odom, who is an active member of the Association. The Maine Coast Guard was finally called to help fight the blaze.

Harry was shaking hands with his old buddies at the Memorial Services in Worcester last November.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

A scandal, to be good, must be bad.

## McKenzie Contacts 'Em Far and Near

(Editor's Note: The Octofoil's dependable standby, Joe McKenzie, very thoughtfully sent The Octofoil a double page spread from a recent issue of Life magazine. The story featured reminiscences of General Douglas MacArthur. And pictured with General MacArthur was Lt. Gen. William Westmoreland with an Octofoil shoulder patch that anyone could spot a "mile" away.)

Other interesting items sent to The Octofoil by Joe reads:

By Joe MCKENZIE,  
95 Washington Avenue  
Waltham, Mass.

The past Christmas season was as happy and as joyful as any that we have had at the above address. Christmas cards from the great gang of Serv. Bty. 26th F.A. as well as cards from other men of the Ninth kept the mailman beating a path to the McKenzie residence. The list reads like the battery roster: Bongiorno, England, Grutzius, Pergi, Griffin, Kral, Roscoe, Andrews, Daniels, Truscello, Brazil, Turner, Porter, LeBlanc, Greco, Fribush, Albanese, Huber, Mosier, Kepple, Zablow, Looney, Orticiari, Wilkinson, Murray, LaDez, Fry, Boyle, Wallace, Langer and Leach remembered me at Christmas time with their season greetings. Isadore Blitzstein, John Clouser, Paul Plunkett, Ted Schmidt, Lawrence Rogers, Bob Rumenapp, and Tony Salton are other men of the Ninth whom I have met and who remembered me with their Merry Christmas. Thank you very much!

### IT'S MAJOR GRIFFIN

Paul Griffin added a note. He is now on Formosa and wearing the gold leaf of a major. Peter Greco invited us to stop in Trenton next summer on our way to the convention in Philadelphia. Bill Andrews is still talking about his wonderful trip to Worcester in 1962.

### ODDS AND ENDS

Lew Orticiari was unable to be in Worcester last November due to treatment he was receiving for ulcers. Anthony Ponticello and a former member of the 15th Engrs., fight the war all over again when their paths cross while they work for Crucible Steel in Pittsburgh. Anyone in the Lone State State who would like company on a trip to Worcester in 1965 can contact Harold Wallace, 4510 Pine St., Bellaire, Texas. Saw Carl Lucas just before Christmas. The ex-T Sergeant is fighting a great battle with an ailment he picked up somewhere between Fort Bragg and Kothan.

Saw Jim Hennelley of "B," "C" and Hqtrs. 26th F.A. Jim works in the great South Postal in Boston. Some of his fellow workers are Jim Carleton of "A," Jim McColgan and Arthur Nighan of "C," 26th F.A.—Cordially, Joe McKenzie.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## Dick Macomber Still In Arizona Country

Dick Macomber, former 60th man and a member of the Ohio Chapter, has a different Arizona address from the address listed in the last issue of The Octofoil. The new address is Richard Macomber, 3701 N. Fourth Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.

### SEES BURNETTE

In a recent letter Macomber says: "A couple of weeks ago I received a phone call and went down and saw 'Pop' Perry Burnette, who was in G Co., 60th. He is in bad shape—being bedfast most of the time. He would certainly appreciate getting a card from any of the old gang. His address is Perry 'Pop' Burnette, 5243 S. 14th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz."

Mac says Phoenix is growing—spreading all over the map—salaries are starvation wages, but cost of living is higher than at most luxurious resort areas. The climate seems to be doing both Mac and Pop some good. But the legalized bandits they are dependent on for necessities makes living around Phoenix all but prohibitive—so Macomber hopes to be able to locate in a smaller and more reasonably priced place in which to grow up.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## CHARLIE WARNER IS IN VA HOSPITAL

Charlie Warner's home address is 507 E. Main St., Bound Brook, N. J. But right now the address is 5A-RIG, VA Hospital, East Orange, N. J. Warner would appreciate hearing from any of the old gang from the New York Chapter, and especially old 39th Buddies from hither and yonder.

Charlie had an attack that necessitated emergency treatment calling for a supply of oxygen after a spasm of choking and coughing.

14 issue claims Lt. Gen. Westmoreland will replace Gen. Harkins in the very near future.

The New York World-Telegram, a Scripps-Howard chain newspaper, printed an editorial recently under the heading "WESTY GOES EAST."

The editorial read as follows:

There's much talk of a stepped-up war against Communists in South Vietnam, and a promising indication of this lies in the appointment of Lt. Gen. William C. Westmoreland as the new deputy commander of U. S. forces there.

It is almost a cliché to say that "Westy" Westmoreland is a fighting general.

A better version is the tag that he never sent anyone out to do a job

## FRANK GUNTHER WITH AUTO CLUB

Frank W. Gunther is a membership representative with the Tacoma, Wash. Automobile Association. His home address is 423 S. 34th St., Tacoma 8, Wash. The former Co. L, 60th man recently sent in 1964 dues and added a few lines, which read in part:

I have come into contact with a few former 9th men and naturally have put in a good word for the association whenever I met anyone who knew the outfit. I can truthfully say I was proud of the Octofoil patch which I wore on the right shoulder of my uniform until I retired from the service and still carry on my car along with the AAA emblem.

I think I speak for all when I say I never want to see another time when I will be forced to go into combat again—but if I do I would certainly like a gang as loyal as those I knew in the 60th Infantry.

Hoping to hear from some of the members of the organization wherever they may be in this old world, I remain A PROUD GO-DEVIL—Franklin W. Gunter.

## COL. JOHN ADAMS PREPARES HIS 38TH ANNUAL BULLETIN

Holiday greetings and activity report for the Adams Family for 1963—38th Annual Bulletin has finally come off the press and mailed out to friends all over the world. The interesting document is being filed with the thought and hope in mind that many highlights can be taken from the report and printed in the next issue of The Octofoil.

The exact address of Colonel John C. L. Adams is given in the finale of this 38th report which reads:

When home we welcome all our friends who can come by. Addresses are still: Guanaja, Islas de la Bahia, Honduras, Central America for Air-mail. Cable address: "Coladams, Guanaja, Honduras." Our front step is 85 degrees, 53 minutes and 15 seconds West Longitude and 16 Degrees, 27 minutes, 7 seconds North Latitude. We have our own yacht harbor and the airfield on the island will easily take planes as big as C-47s. COME AND SEE US.

## SCHMIDT WRITES TO LUDWIG BIERMAN

Both The Octofoil and Arthur "Dick" Schmidt (The Baron), received "tips" to contact Ludwig Bierman, 107 W. 86th St., New York, because he was anxious to become affiliated with the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Art got busy on his old trusty typewriter immediately, but to date he has received no response from Bierman. He is supposed to work for the VA Hospital in Brooklyn. Considerable other printed pieces were received from the same source as the Bierman "tip." These clippings mostly pertained to the hardships veteran cab drivers experience in New York.

### THE NEW BREED

Two little girls were discussing their fathers.

"My daddy," one boasted "is a dentist."

"Humph," the other replied—"That's nothing. My daddy is a civil serpent."

A college education never hurt anyone willing to learn something afterwards.

his field artillery battalion ashore at Casablanca in World War II and fought with it in Tunisia.

Afterward, in Korea, he was the jumping one-star general who led his 187th Regimental Combat Team into hot actions.

Lately he has been commanding the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N. C.

The expectation is that General Westmoreland soon will be made our top commander in Vietnam. If a change is to be made, there could hardly be a better choice.

The address is: Lt. Gen. William Westmoreland, Deputy Commander, United States Forces, Vietnam, APO 143, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

## Scuccimarri Hopes To Get a Job Soon

G. Victor Scuccimarri has been a patient at the F.D.R. VA Hospital at Montrose, N. Y. for a long time. Art Schmidt and Adolph Wadalavage have visited the lad. Many others have tried to cheer him up with postal cards and other greetings. The lad has shown a wonderful spirit through his illness. Now good results are noticeable—and he advises Secretary Quinn under date of Jan. 9th, that very soon he is slated to go to Yonkers, N. Y. for a civil service examination, which it is hoped will lead to a postal job.

The Octofoil wishes Scuccimarri luck. He is a deserving lad. The cards he sends to The Octofoil are greatly appreciated. He also sends regularly the Montrose Recoverer, a neat little newspaper produced at the Montrose VA Hospital.

## Feinberg Prepares Financial Statement

Irving Feinberg, Treasurer of the Greater New York Chapter, prepared and had mimeographed a concise and understandable financial report of the Chapter's monetary transactions from January 1, 1963 through December 31, 1963. There will always be a solvent New York Chapter as long as there is an Irving Feinberg serving as Treasurer.

## Ed Rietraszewski Killed In Automobile Accident

Bob Rumenapp, Michigan secretary, in a short penciled postal card, writes that Edward C. Rietraszewski, former 39th, Hqtrs. 2nd Bn. man, was killed in an automobile accident on Christmas Eve.

Bill Phelps, president of the Michigan Chapter underwent a painful and serious surgical operation during December.

## "Get-Well" Cards Greatly Appreciated

During the past month The Octofoil editor was hospitalized and underwent surgery. The information got around through the grapevine and there was an avalanche of get-well cards pouring into the Grant Hospital in Columbus. It is impossible to name each and extend individual thanks. Scores of cards were received from New York and Philadelphia Chapter members. The beautiful card received from that wonderful Gold Star couple, Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. McNerney of the New York Chapter, has to be singled out and thanks extended especially.

To each and everyone sincere thanks and may God bless each of you and your loved ones.

## Sam Feightner Has Brand-New Address

Sam Feightner, former 47th man, writes that he hasn't moved an inch away from his old homestead but Uncle Sam has changed his address from R.F.D. No. 1, Loudonville, O., to R.F.D. No. 1, Box 134, Perrysville, Ohio, 44846. Sam sent in the change as soon as he knew about it so he wouldn't miss getting his current issue of The Octofoil.

Injustice: If you make out your income tax correctly you go to the poorhouse; if you don't you go to jail.

## FAMILY INCREASES

The Walton family has increased to the extent of adding a son-in-law to the roster—Judy is an old married woman now!

Doc says they are pushing the Philly Reunion in North Georgia—and he in particular hopes to see many Gold Star parents at the 1964 Reunion, because he remembers many fine boys from that area who were killed in action.

## BIG CAMPUS

The Octofoil recently printed a story about Berry College being a small college. Berry is the college Doc's son, David, attends. So Dave advises that the college may be small but they have an awful large campus—the largest in the world—8500 acres, from which they cut a million feet of timber every year—and the supply is unlimited.

## SNOW, SNOW

Walton sent The Octofoil many pages of clippings from the Rome News, showing many unprecedented snow and ice scenes—the likes of which this present generation of Georgia Crackers have never seen before. Doc noted that one day the temperature in Rome, Ga., was 10 degrees above zero, while in Boston it was 28 degrees above and in Anchorage, Alaska, 15 degrees above on the same day.

Lester Schwear of Wind Fall, Ind., former L Co., 47th man recently advised Doc he was back in the fork and hoe business again. And a Columbus, Ga. salesman by the name of Weeds, visits Rome frequently. He was with the new 47th on occupation after V-E Day, but is rightfully proud of having worn the Octofoil.

Among the many Christmas cards that Doc mentioned receiving, one that he mentioned particularly was from the former 60th man, Moorehead, now with the FBI, who seemed to enjoy himself greatly while at the Springfield Reunion. He even took out a life membership while in Springfield.

After mentioning many from the Philadelphia area who did not return, including Kelly, the tenor, of L Co., and Smoky Mulhearn, a Golden Gloves champion, Doc made an architect's drawing of a trap Dick Pestel could make and entrap all the bothersome 'possums that keep popping up on the Pestel "ranch."

## Jack Wilson Making Philadelphia Plans

The old Co. B 9th Med. gets his mail addressed to Jack Wilson, Star Route, Box 3-A, Canal Point, Fla. He writes Secretary Quinn thusly:

Paying up my dues for another three years and making plans to attend the Reunion in Philadelphia in July. Hope to see many old timers at that time.—Sincerely, Jack Wilson, Canal Point, Fla.

## COL. GEORGE PICKETT MOVES TO RALEIGH

Col. George E. Pickett, U.S.A. retired, inched a little closer toward the deep South recently. He left the Old Dominion state of Virginia and established residence at 4305 Rowan St., Raleigh, N. C. The colonel is a member of the Fayetteville-Fort Bragg Chapter.

## CAS. J. PRZYBYLSKI IS GOING TO PHILLY

Cas. J. Przybylski, Jr. sends in his dues from 1042 Dewey Ave., Evanston, Ill. Cas is a former Hqtr. 3d Bn., 39th Inf. man. His Jan. 26 letter closes with this paragraph:

As of now my plans are all set. God willing and I'll see you in Philly in July.

## MAJOR JOHN M. ALLEY HAS ARLINGTON ADDRESS

Major John M. Alley's address is 2308 N. 10th St., Apt. 302, Arlington, Va. 22201.

The major mailed in 1964 dues and advised that he was making plans to attend the Reunion in Philadelphia and was hoping to see many of the old timers.

A small town police chief was defending the practice of having license plates on the rear of cars instead of the front.

"Remember," he said, "that nine out of ten pinches are made from the rear."

376th AAA—A.W., 9th Division — from 1942-1945, ETO.

I would like to thank all the following members of the "Good Old Ninth" for sending Christmas cards:

Father Anthony F. DeLaura.  
George A. Apar and sons.  
Tom Boyle and family.  
George E. Kopac.  
J. C. Lynch.  
Theodore Matusik and family.  
Dominick Miele.  
William Morris and family.  
Jack O'Shea.  
Danny Quinn and family.  
J. L. Spencer.

Best wishes to all former Ninth men—everywhere, and especially to members of the New York Chapter. —Sincerely, Steven Budrick (Old Sarge).

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

## Famous Writer Has Kind Words For Father Ed Connors

Austen Lake is a feature writer for The Boston Record American.

In his column of Dec. 12, 1963 Lake has this to say:

And I remember "Tough Guy" Connors of the old Ninth Infantry Division whom I found wading through the sticky gumbo of Flanders with his PIO, Lindsey Nelson, who is now the CBS football announcer—a figure leaner, a face younger and a spirit greener than his 40-odd years. For the men of the battle-scarred 9th obeyed their officers with a docile selfless discipline. Ah, but they'd have stormed the depths of hell for the Worcester, Mass. Chaplain—Connors.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

## JIM HART HAS A SMALL PLATOON ALL HIS OWN

Jim Hart, an old K Co. 60th man, now lives at 7 Newhagh Dr., Wilmington 3, Delaware. He writes in part:

Dear Dan: Have managed to accumulate a small platoon of six, ranging from 16 to 6—two boys and four girls—so I am a bit on the busy side.

I'm planning though one of these years to make it to Worcester to Father Connors' place. At least I hope to be able to get to the Reunion in Philly. It is a suburb of Wilmington, you know.

My best to all the gang.—Jim Hart.

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## RANDY BROWN SENDS DUES FROM ARLINGTON

Randy Brown, former Co. C, 47th man, writes from 2806 S. 9th Street, Arlington, Va., as follows:

"Looking forward to seeing many of my old buddies in Philadelphia this coming July."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

## Wanda Lelak Willing to Trade the Sarge

Steve Lelak's address is Rt. 1, Box 59, Bebout Rd., Venetia, Pa. If it wasn't for Mrs. Lelak (Wanda), this former Co. B, 47th sergeant would never be heard from. Read a few remarks that were in a recent letter she sent to Secretary Quinn:

"Hello Daniel: I didn't get around to sending Sergeant Lelak's association dues in last year and you see what happened. They were not paid and I sure did miss not getting The Octofoil—so here's 1964 dues now. LOSING "TOUCH"

"That man who was a sergeant at one time sure is losing his touch, or mind or whatever you want to call it, getting old and forgetful. I think I'll trade him in for two twenties."

"We'll see all of you in Philly. We had a nice surprise this past summer—Pat and Ann Morano dropped in.—Sincerely, Mrs. Wanda Lelak."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

## ELECTION CONVERSATION

First Voter: I don't want to vote for any of the candidates. I don't know any of them.

Second voter: I don't know what to do either. I know all of them.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Golf is no longer a rich man's game. There are millions of poor players.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

He mumbled a few words in a church and he was married. He mumbled a few words in his sleep and he was divorced.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

A dog is man's best friend because he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

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efficiently as secretary-treasurer for a long time, was unanimously re-elected to that job. Dick is also a former 47th man.

President Stone and Secretary Pestel are both "gentleman farmers" with ample accommodations on their premises for the annual picnic this summer—and both have extended invitations. It looks like the picnic committee will have to flip a coin in order to decide. More details regarding that picnic will be printed in the next issue of The Octofoil.

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## MANY INTERESTING ITEMS HELD OVER

There are many interesting news items on file at The Octofoil office which are being held over until the next issue which will be an 8-page job. This issue was held to 6 pages because several hundred extra copies were printed and sent to many delinquents in the hopes of shaming them into paying dues and getting back in good standing with the Association.

The pictures and items being held over will be used in the next issue. Please be patient.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

## Edgar Cobhler In the "Old Dominion" State

Edgar N. Cobhler's address is Rt. 4, Martinsville, Va. He writes in part as follows:

Dear Mr. Quinn: Thanks for your letter of Nov. 4, 1963. Inclosed you will find 1964 dues. I thank you for publishing my letter in The Octofoil. I have heard from some Co. B 9th Med. men—but no Co. A men yet.

I am in touch with about 25 Co. A 9th Med. men. I live about 50 miles south of Roanoke, Va. on Rte. 220 and would be glad to see any of the former 9th men passing this way. —A former wearer of the Octofoil—Edgar N. Cobhler.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

## Gen. Louis Craig's Usual Short Note Is Received

On Dec. 6, 1963 Secretary Quinn received the customary very short and to the point letter from Gen. Louis A. Craig, 3700 Fordham Road, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20016. It read:

Dear Dan: It seems to be about that time again—and my check is enclosed.

My kindest regards to you and yours and good wishes for the New Year.—Sincerely, Louis A. Craig.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

## Oscar Richards On Gold Star Detail

Oscar W. Richards, 467 Sharon Dr., Wayne, Pa., has been appointed chairman of a committee to see that Gold Star Parents attending the Reunion in Philadelphia are properly taken care of.

Richards asks that any member knowing the address of any Gold Star parents write the Gold Star people's names and addresses down and send them to him at the address given above—at once.

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## GOV. KERNER PICTURED WITH A&P BAKERY GIRL

A nationally circulated labor paper recently had a two-column picture of Gov. Otto Kerner of Illinois, discussing problems with Alice Fracchia who is a shop stewardess in the cookie plant of a Chicago A&P bakery.

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## INSURANCE BENEFICIARIES

A lawsuit in which a wife sought her husband's GI insurance which the VA paid to his former wife, points up the failure of many veterans to keep their insurance beneficiary listings up to date.

The VA is required to pay insurance claims to the listed beneficiary. Too often the original list of beneficiaries, compiled when the insurance was issued, is sadly out of date.

Death, divorces, marriages and remarriages are all occasions for possible beneficiary changes. Most common out-of-date listings are those of a mother whose son has since married or of a first wife when a subsequent separation and remarriage has taken place. In order to avoid future complications all veterans are urged to bring their beneficiary listing up to date.

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